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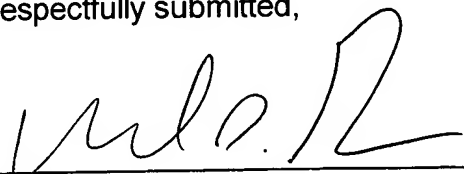
Claims 1, 3-4, and 6-20 are pending.

The Applicants note that Claims 18 and 19 have been allowed. In addition, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 5 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claims 1-4, 6-7, and 9-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Render et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,907,654). The Examiner's rejection of these Claims is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments to the Claims.

In particular, as shown above, Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 5 and intervening Claim 2. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 3-4, and 6-16 are allowable over the prior art of record. Similarly, Claim 17 has also been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 5 and intervening Claim 2. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 17 is also allowable over the prior art of record. As set forth above, the Examiner has already stated that Claims 18 and 19 are allowed. Finally, newly added Claim 20 includes all of the limitations of Claim 1 (as is existed prior to the current amendment), Claim 8 and intervening Claim 7. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that new Claim 20 is also allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the case, the Applicants request that the Examiner please contact Applicants' attorney at (312) 673-0360.

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